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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1188

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, TD, CB

SUBJ: TRINIDAD REACTION TO USG ACTION TO RECOVER

MERCHANT VESSEL SEIZED BY CAMBODIAN FORCES

REF: STATE 113030

1. WITHIN PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS CAMBODIAN SEIZURE OF US MERCHANT VESSEL AND USG REACTION HAS BEEN FREQUENT TOPIC OF COMMENT TO EMBASSY OFFICERS. FINANCE MINISTER CHAMBERS EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT TO AMBASSADOR AT CAMBODIAN ACTION AND APPROVAL OF STIFF RESPONSE. THIS HAS BEEN GENERAL TONE OF ALL COMMENTS.

2. INFORMATION IN REFTEL WAS CONVEYED OFFICIALLY TO EXTAFF PERMANENT SECRETARY ABDULAH MAY 15. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING, AND NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR MCINTYRE HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON LATE MAY 14 AND HAD IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH THE INFORMATION. ABDULAH DID PROBE SLIGHTLY REGARDING THE INNOCENT NATURE OF THE MAYAGUEZ AND WAS ASSURED THAT SHIP WAS GENUAINE MERCHANTMAN AND NOT A PUEBLO IN DISGUISE.

3. PRESS HAS CARRIED RELATIVELY FULL (FOR TRINIDAD) CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE BEEN ANY OFFICIAL PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS BY THE
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